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From the Camp at Lens, July 9. *N. S.*

THE maintaining the Poſt of Arleux, which our Troops made themſelves Maſters of the 6th Inſtant, being of great Importance to us, as it preſerves to us the Courſe of the Waters of the Senſet, which make the Scarpe and the Deule navigable, Monſieur des Roques, the Engineer, was order'd the next Day with ſix hundred Workmen to make ſuch Works as are neceſſary to put it in a Poſture of Defence; and, in order to ſuſtain them, ten Battalions and twelve Squadrons march'd at the ſame time, and encamp'd at Fieren, between Arleux and Douay, where they are to remain under the Command of the Count de Hompeſch 'till the Works are finiſh'd: And as it will be neceſſary the Army ſhould continue ſo long in this Camp, Orders are given for making another General Forage on Saturday. The Enemy, ſince our taking this Poſt, are fortifying the Village of Palhuez on the other ſide the Senſet. A Convoy of four hundred Waggons laden with Meal arrived yeſterday at Douay from Tournay, under the Eſcorte of two hundred Horſe and three hundred Foot. The Pioneers employ'd in demoliſhing the Lines will finiſh their Works to Morrow. We have Advice from the Enemy's Frontiers, that their ſecond Detachment, conſiſting of twelve Battalions and ſixteen Squadrons, continue their March towards Germany, but are directed to halt at Philipville 'till further Orders. Upon the March of the Enemy's firſt Detachment, the Prince of Savoy divided his Troops, Count Vehlen with fifteen Squadrons and eight Battalions was ordered to advance forwards to the Rhine, and Count Fels with the reſt to halt near Bruſſels, to obſerve the Motions of the Enemy's ſecond Detachment. The Enemy have brought a great quantity of Ammunition, with Tools and other Materials for a Siege, to Cambray, where they have likewiſe a Train of one hundred and ten Battering Cannon.

From the Camp at Lens, July 13. *N. S.* Yeſterday about one in the Morning a Detachment from the Enemy's Army of thirty Squadrons, which paſſed at Bouchain, attempted to ſurprize the Troops under the Command of Count Hompeſch, encamp'd between Douay and Fieren, to cover the Workmen employed in Fortifying Arleux. By the advantage of the Dark Night they paſſed our Out-Guards, and without being perceiv'd, ſent eight hundred Dragoons, and two hundred Huſſars, which fell in with the four Squadrons on the Right and put them at firſt into ſome Diſorder; but the other Squadrons taking the Alarm, and drawing up behind their Tents, vigorouſly repuls'd them; and Colonel Selwyn's and Colonel St. Maurice's Battalions advancing to Charge them, they retired with great Precipitation, and were follow'd by Count Hompeſch, and the reſt of the Squadrons, which by that time were got on Horſeback, as far as the Village of Fieren, where the remaining part of their Troops were drawn up to favour their Retreat. We had fifty Men killed, and about fourſcore wounded. Major Robinſon of Lieutenant-General Palmes's, and a Cornet of Weſterlo's, were taken Priſoners, and are ſent back this Day on their Parole. The Loſs of the Enemy is much more conſiderable, they having left above ſixty Dead upon the Spot, among which were eight or ten Officers. They had ſeveral Officers, and a great many Men wounded, of which number was a Colonel of Dragoons, who died as they were carrying him off. Moſt of the Horſes of our four Squadrons breaking looſe from their Pickets during the Fire, ſome were taken by the Enemy; but the greateſt part of them ſtray'd into the Country, and are ſince brought home. Major Selwyn, who diſtinguiſh'd himſelf on this occaſion, is dangerouſly wounded. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough has been this Day to viſit the Works that are making at Arleux, which he found in a good forwardneſs: He gave Directions for changing the Situation of the Camp between Douay and Fieren, and order'd three Battalions out of Douay to reinforce it.

Hague, July 14. *N. S.* On the 2d Inſtant in the Evening Monſieur Mellarede arrived here with Letters from the Duke of Savoy to his Pruſſian Majeſty, and having waited on that Prince, he ſet out ſoon after for the Court of Hanover, from whence he is to proceed to the King of Poland. The Miniſters of the ſeveral Powers concern'd in the Neutrality of the Empire, have had a Conference with the Deputies of the States in relation to that Affair, and it is reſolv'd that the Troops appointed for the Maintenance of it ſhall be aſſembled by the 20th Inſtant. The Count de Welthern, the King of Poland's Ambaſſador, being return'd hither from Dreſden, has demanded in his Maſter's Name to have the Command of thoſe Troops conferr'd on his Poliſh Majeſty, and that they may be order'd to join the Daniſh, Saxon, and Muſcovite Forces, and act in Conjunction with them againſt the Swedes in Pomerania, who ſeem to threaten the Electorate of Saxony with an Invaſion. On the other hand the Swediſh Envoy preſſes the Allies very earneſtly to protect that Province from the Inſults of the Danes and Saxons. The King of Poland has likewiſe declar'd by his Miniſter, that he cannot be ready to ſend his Ambaſſadors to Frankfort 'till the 20th of Auguſt, on which Day they will proceed to the Election of a new Emperor. Upon Advice that the French had made a ſecond Detachment from their Army in Artois, the Prince of Savoy ordered the Forces that continued near Bruſſels to purſue their March towards the Rhine, but has not yet fix'd any time for his own Departure from this Place. The Prince and Count Sinzendorf have lately had ſeveral Conferences with the Deputies of the States and the King of Pruſſia, on whom they waited twice on Sunday laſt. Some new Propoſitions have been delivered in to the States in behalf of his Pruſſian Majeſty and the Prince of Naſſau, who is expected here this Day from the Army; and it is hoped the Matters in debate between 'em will at length be brought to an amicable Concluſion. Our Letters from France adviſe, that the French King had given Orders for the releaſing all Dutch Ships that have been ſeized in the ſeveral Ports of that Kingdom, and it is thought the Liberty of Commerce will once more be reſtored by a mutual Conſent on both ſides. On Tueſday the 7th Inſtant the Duke of Mecklenbourg arriv'd here from the Army, and din'd on Thurſday with the King of Pruſſia at Honſlaerdyke, from whence he ſet out yeſterday in order